



NASA Project Self Assessment!



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During the last few months, my class, 7T, and I have been working on the STAR Project (Science Through Arts) in nearly all of our subjects. We used science facts in English, downloaded music and pictures from the Internet, and put it into PowerPoint, and so on. We have done many different and interesting things, such as story telling with PowerPoint, and scientific Mars stories, in Word. We have also had videoconferences, and email, with America and Japan. With Japan, (Ikeda Senior High School, Osaka) we discussed what different types of music we could use for our PowerPoints. With America, we have been learning new things about Mars from Joe Kolecki, at NASA.



The subjects that have involved Mars are:

- **I.C.T.** - We have searched the NASA web sites about Mars. We have used PowerPoint and Microsoft Word to create stories. We have downloaded music, pictures and data, and linked pages together with the music. We have learnt how to use Flaming Text, clip art, email, video-conferencing and animation. We have used many different techniques. We have also transferred web files and used sound effects, such as Martian sounds, and space ship noises.
- **English**- We have written scientific Mars stories. We have been improving our sentences, and learnt some hot tips for our writing. We have looked at sentence



and story endings, and the use of descriptive language. We have also read a copy of Joe Kolecki's story, "The Once and Noble Race", and studied his science notes on it.



- **Art**- We have been making landscape pictures of Mars in groups, and doing them in different ways, such as with pastels, paint, collage, and mosaic. We have also discussed the different textures of the surface of Mars.



- **Science**- In science, we have been checking the facts in our Mars stories, and learning new facts about Mars and space. We used the Internet, science books, and Joe (live!) to find and check out the facts.
- **Music**- We have been using music keyboards to make our own different tunes and songs, to show things happening on Mars, and in space.
- **Religious Education**- We have been debating whether people should go to Mars, and if we found life there, would we bring it back? Also, if it were safe for us to live on Mars, what religion would it become?



The thing I liked doing best was the PowerPoint story, because it was fun to download sounds and animations. I learnt a lot of new things by doing this, especially in Science, English, and ICT. I am pleased with the final result, and I enjoyed doing it very much.



This is Joe Kolecki, who helped Holy Cross

with the STAR Project.
Thanks, Joe!